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Dear Commissioners,

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I am writing you today on behalf of FSL (Foundation for Senior Living), to express our concerns with Docket No. E-00000XX-13-0214. The proposed rule and elimination of the Energy Efficiency Standards would be a major step backward for Arizona and most importantly, Arizona ratepayers. According to Arizona Public Service and Tucson Electric Power's Demand Side Management reports, the Energy Efficiency Standards have already saved utility customers more than half a billion dollars on utility bills in just the first three years that they have been in effect. In addition, energy efficiency is the least expensive way for utilities to meet electricity demand at a cost of about 2-3 cents to save a kWh of electricity compared to more than 6 cents per kWh at the most efficient new power plants fueled by natural gas.<sup>1</sup>

We at FSL have had the pleasure of serving Arizona ratepayers since the early 1990's. We have seen members of our community who are struggling each month to provide for themselves and their family members. We have also seen success stories. A few years ago, I met a woman who received assistance from the low-income weatherization program. She was a single mother working hard to support her children, one of which was diagnosed with a life threatening illness. Shortly after the weatherization work was completed to make her home more efficient, she sent a note to our office. She was grateful for the assistance and for the very first time, because of the savings on her August utility bill, she was able to take her children to buy new school clothes and a new backpack to start school that year. This is real life impact.

The Standards have helped to create jobs and put contractors back to work after a plummeting economic downturn in the housing market. Homes today are being retrofitted to be more energy efficient, which reduces the demand for power. The Standards have helped to make this happen. It is a win-win for the community.

The Energy Efficiency Standards have made a difference in Arizona. Ratepayers are seeing the results. People's lives are touched, jobs are created, homes are more efficient and power is being saved. Please help make sure the Standards remain intact. Arizona ratepayers need this kind of accountability.

Sincerely,

Carrie A. Smith  
Chief Operating Officer

Guy Mikkelsen  
President and CEO

<sup>1</sup> See Tucson Electric Power's Integrated Resource Plans and the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy's report, "The Best Value for America's Energy Dollar: A National Review of the Cost of Utility Energy Efficiency Programs"